

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA DAVID J. REID

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Bureau teletype to all offices dated 4/17/68, set out a press release which was to be immediately furnished the leading newspapers, radio and TV stations in the El Paso division. SA ELLISON advised that he furnished the press release in question to the below listed individuals on 4/17/68:

JAMES LAWLER, KSET Radio, El Paso, 6:04 p.m.

DAVID EPPLEY, KROD Radio and TV, El Paso, 6:08 p.m.

JOHN GARMON, KELP Radio and TV, El Paso, 6:13 p.m.

SA ELLISON advised that the following individuals were furnished the press release by ASAC JAY COCHRAN, JR. on 4/17/68:

GEORGE KINSINGER, El Paso Times, El Paso

FRANK ALGREN, El Paso Herald Post, El Paso

JACK DE VORE, KTSM TV, El Paso

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TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Date: 5/24/68

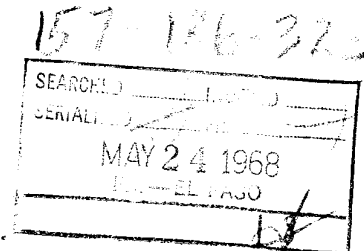
Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, contained the following information:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

1. Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
2. Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
3. Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

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4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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ALL AGENTS

All Agents are requested to submit to SA REID by the close of business on 5/30/68, the above mentioned information in order that this information may be relayed to the Memphis Division within two work days after the close of each month.

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6:37PM URGENT 5-28-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
SEATTLE, PORTLAND, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65), SACRAMENTO,
DUTIE, SALT LAKE CITY, LAS VEGAS, PHOENIX, ALBUQUERQUE,
EL PASO (157-186), AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

✓ MURKIN

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

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ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT COVINA, CALIFORNIA, PD ADVISED
RECOVERY OF SIXTY SEVEN PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA LICENSE CTH ONE
ZERO TWO, WHICH CAR REPORTED STOLEN CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA. CAR
RECOVERED TODAY NINE HUNDRED BLOCK WEST SAN BERNABINO ROAD,
COVINA, CALIFORNIA, IN PARKING LOT OF MARKET BASKET SUPERMARKET
APPARENTLY ABANDONED FOR LAST SEVERAL DAYS. COVINA PD ADVISED
ALLEN KROUSE, ONE SIX SIX THREE THREE EAST ARROW HIGHWAY, AZUSA,
CALIFORNIA, HAD MADE REPORT ABOVE CAR INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT WITH
HIM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND DRIVER HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS
W. L. DE LUCA AND HAD GIVEN CHECK TO REIMBURSE FOR DAMAGES, WHICH
CHECK WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN AT HUNTINGTON BEACH,

CALIFORNIA.

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SAC advised 7:55

Stops removed by
SA Reid at 7:50 PM, 5/28/68

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ALLEN KRAUSE INTERVIEWED BY SPECIAL AGENT TODAY AND
SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY. ADVISED DRIVER OF CAR WAS
NOT IDENTICAL WITH PHOTOS OF SUBJECT.

OFFICES PLACING STOPS PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF SAN DIEGO
TEL SHOULD CANCEL.

IT IS NOTED S N DIEGO TEL ALSO REQUESTED BUREAU ENTER
CAR IN NCIC. SAN DIEGO SHOULD CANCEL NCIC IF ENTERED.

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TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 5-28-68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GORMAN

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

Reburadiogram dated 5-21-68.

Major VIRGIL POTTER, Salvation Army, Midland, Texas was contacted 5-28-68 by SA GORMAN and furnished copies of I.O. 4182. He stated that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to him but he would have copies of IO placed at Registration Desk and immediately advise FBI should pertinent information be developed. He stated there are no other charitable type missions located in Midland, Texas.

Major POTTER advised there is no Salvation Army shelter or other charitable type missions in Stanton, McCamey, Ft. Stockton, Crane, Iraan or Sheffield, Texas



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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

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Re El Paso teletype, 5/23/68; Phoenix teletype, 5/23/68;
and Los Angeles teletype to Phoenix, Dallas and El Paso, 5/23/68.

RE: Suspect on Greyhound Bus from Tulsa, Oklahoma,
to Dallas, Texas, 5/22/68

HAROLD ST. CLAIR, home address 7303 East 7th Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone TE 5-5168, was interviewed by SA
WILLIAM B. HOLLOWAY at Dallas, Texas, on 5/24/68. He stated he
was the driver of Greyhound Bus No. 1314 which arrived at Dallas,
Texas, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, at about 9:35 PM, 5/22/68. He
stated he believes he had about 20 passengers that night and
he does not recall anyone fitting the description given by
MRS. NORMA KIRKPATRICK. He said there were no incidents that
he can recall during the trip, no one was loud or unruly, and
no one called to his attention anyone making any unusual
statements.

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On 5/24/68, TOMMIE LEE THOMAS, 4223 Huckleberry Circle, Dallas, advised SA JAMES J. SHERMAN he is a relief Greyhound Bus driver and on 5/22/68, he took Bus No. 1314 scheduled to leave Dallas at 11:01 PM from Dallas to San Antonio. The final destination of this bus is Laredo, Texas. The bus that night was delayed in departure because of mechanical difficulties until 11:30 PM and was the only section of that schedule to be operated. THOMAS stated he did not recall anyone fitting the description of person described by MRS. KIRKPATRICK on the bus that night. There were no unusual incidents and he recalls nothing out of the ordinary about the trip.

On 5/24/68, A. E. GRACEY, 1905 Sussex, Garland, Texas, advised SA SHERMAN that on 5/22/68, he drove Greyhound Bus No. 1394 which departed Dallas at about 11:15 PM en route to Abilene, Texas. The final destination of this bus was Los Angeles, California. GRACEY stated he is positive he did not have a passenger fitting the description of the person described by MRS. KIRKPATRICK. He stated he had about 18 passengers leaving Dallas and during the trip there were no unusual incidents or any trouble with any passenger.

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Thumbprint on Map Enables FBI To Identify Suspected King Slayer

By THOMAS TALBURT
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, May 22. —On a carefully marked city map found in a hippie-inhabited boarding house in Atlanta, FBI agents found a thumb-print that enabled them positively to identify the suspected slayer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They found the map April 14 — 10 days after Dr. King was murdered in Memphis. Since then the trail of the suspect, James Earl Ray, has dead-ended.

ALTHOUGH thousands of tips have been tracked down by agents in the FBI's 6600-man force with no success since the map was found, federal officials do not subscribe to the theory

Ray may be dead — the victim of someone who hired him to kill King.

On the city of map of Atlanta which bore Ray's thumbprint, four key locations had been circled in pencil — Dr. King's Atlanta residence, the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which he headed, the boarding house where the map was found, and the parking lot where Ray abandoned a white Mustang the morning after Dr. King was killed.

THE FBI believes Ray drove the Mustang to Atlanta during the night after the murder, abandoned the car about dawn the next day, took two taxi rides to locations near Peachtree street — and then vanished.

Ray, who was said to be penniless when he escaped from the Missouri penitentiary, is known to have spent more than \$4000 during the 11 months between the time of his escape and Dr. King's murder. He paid \$1195 cash for the Mustang in Birmingham, \$700 for bartending and dance lessons in Hollywood, Calif., and traveled more than 19,000 miles — including trips to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Montreal, Canada.

THE FBI has found no evidence Galt held a job during this period, nor has it found that Galt was hired by anyone to kill King, though the possibility of such a conspiracy has not been ruled out.

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